

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Fortress Mountain Battery  
1 October 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Advanced Observation Officer  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Forward Observer (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Aiming Circle Officer  
    1 pistol  
1 Gunfire Solution Calculator  
    1 rifle  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle

Signals Squad:

1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Telephone Talker for exchange  
    1 rifle  
Medium Field Cable Troop 10  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
4 Telephone Talkers  
    4 Rifles  
1st Portable Radio Troop i Mw:  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 rifle  
2nd Portable Radio Troop i Mw:  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 rifle  
3rd Portable Radio Troop i Mw:  
    same as 2nd Troop

Battle Battery/Gun Squad:

1 Battery Officer  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
6 (4) Gun Captains  
    6 rifles

1 Corpsman  
     1 pistol  
 1 Messenger  
     1 rifle  
 27 (18) Gunners  
     27 rifles & 6 guns  
 3 (2) Assistant Master Gunsmiths  
     3 rifles  
 2 Machine Gunners  
     2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

Baggage:

4 NCOs, 17 soldiers, 18 pack horses, 2 heavy draft horses, 20 rifles, 1 light machine gun, 1 Hf 12 or Hf 14 field kitchen, 1 Ef 40 wagon & 5 Panjewagons.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	1	-	3	3
Signals Squad	-	-	4	9
Battle Battery				
6 Gun Squad	1	-	8	33
4 Gun Squad	1	-	6	23
Battery Baggage	-	-	4	17
Total 6 gun	2	-	19	62
Total 4 gun	1	-	17	52

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